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1. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition comprising at least one anionic surfactant, at least one non-ionic gelling agent and at least one post-foaming agent, characterised in that the ratio of anionic surfactant: non-ionic gelling agent is 4:1 or greater such that during manufacture, at least 4 minutes after the addition of the post-foaming agent to the remainder of the composition a viscous gel structure is formed, said gel structure being retained for at least 12 months following manufacture when stored at 20°C to 25°C.
2. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the non-ionic gelling agent is selected from any of the following either alone or in combination:- laureth-2, laureth-4, C12/13 pareth-3, cetareth-4 or oleth-3 or one or more glycol esters.
3. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent consists of laureth-4.
4. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 8.0% by weight of the total composition.
5. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises at least one anionic surfactant together with at least one amphoteric surfactant.
6. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the total amount of surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.

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7. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.
8. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.
9. (Original) A method for the manufacture of a post-foaming cleansing composition comprising the steps of:- adding of at least one non-ionic gelling agent to a mixture comprising at least one anionic surfactant such that the ratio of anionic surfactant: non-ionic gelling agent is 4:1 or greater, combining the ensuing mixture with at least one post-foaming agent and filling the mixture into a package prior to the formation of a gel structure, and wherein at least 4 minutes after the addition of the post foaming agent to the mixture a gel structure is formed said gel structure being retained for at least 12 months following manufacture when the composition is stored at about 20°C to 25°C or below.
10. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein the gel rigidity of the composition remains substantially unchanged for at least 10 minutes after addition of the post-foaming agent to the remainder of the composition.
11. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent consists of laureth-4.
12. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 2, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 8.0% by weight of the total composition.

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13. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 8.0% by weight of the total composition.
14. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 2, wherein the composition comprises at least one anionic surfactant together with at least one amphoteric surfactant.
15. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein the composition comprises at least one anionic surfactant together with at least one amphoteric surfactant.
16. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 4, wherein the composition comprises at least one anionic surfactant together with at least one amphoteric surfactant.
17. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 2, wherein the total surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.
18. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein the total surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.
19. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 4, wherein the total surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.

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20. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 5, wherein the total surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.
21. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 2, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.
22. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.
23. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 4, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.
24. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 5, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.
25. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 6, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.
26. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 2, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.

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27. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.
28. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 4, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.
29. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 5, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.
30. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 6, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.
31. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 7, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.
32. (New) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant comprises sodium lauryl ether sulphate.
33. (New) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant includes alkali metal alkyl ether sulfates, sulfosuccinates, isethionates and acyl glutamates.

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34. (New) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the post-foaming agent includes n-butane, iso-butane, n-pentane, iso-pentane, iso-hexane and mixtures thereof.

35. (New) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the post-foaming agent includes iso-pentane.